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Michael Powell  
FCC Chairman  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: WC Docket No. 03-133

Dear Chairman Powell,

The telecommunications industry has been in a subsidized nightmare for almost a decade, and the fear of changing it has been diluted in a mirage of lies and false facts. AT&T has been fueling the opposition for years by saying that ending their subsidized access will cause rates to go up and ultimately cost us consumers billions of dollars. This simply is not true and is damaging the telecom industry.

Prices are set by each state's public utility commissions, not directly by AT&T, and AT&T isn't likely to set their own rates, seeing that the current price-setting standards often range in about a 45% profit margin.

Regulated rates often are different depending on the region. They may be higher in one region and lower in the other, but this does not mean that AT&T adjusts accordingly. They instead charge one flat rate and take the difference to the bank.

The FCC has seemingly been turning a cold shoulder to this while AT&T gouges its customers. The communications world is a dynamic and ever-changing industry that requires fair and equal treatment. AT&T is currently not playing by the same rules as the other telecom companies, and the FCC should do something about it.

Sincerely,



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